

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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The Honorable John William Hellerstedt, MD  
Commissioner  
Texas Department of State Health Services  
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Commissioner Hellerstedt:

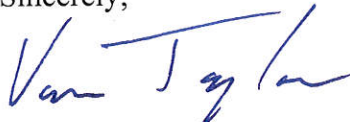
Thank you for your leadership on behalf of the State of Texas as we work to combat the outbreak of COVID-19. I write today on behalf of my constituents in Collin County and would urge you to ensure that my community receives a full allocation of the federal and state resources being dispersed by the Texas Department of State Health Services to combat this pandemic.

Collin County, which has multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19, is a densely populated community that is home to over one million residents, and numerous international businesses. Collin County is also in close proximity to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport which is one of eleven airports designated by the Federal government to screen inbound travelers from regions significantly impacted by COVID-19.

As you are aware, on March 6, 2020, President Donald J. Trump signed into law H.R. 6074, the *Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act* which I proudly supported. This legislation provided over \$8 billion in total resources, including \$950 million for state and local authorities to carry out infection control measures. On March 11, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that Texas is to receive an allocation of over \$39 million, which will be disbursed by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

As you consider how to deploy these resources throughout Texas, I would urge you to ensure that my community in Collin County receives a full allocation of resources to combat this growing pandemic. Time is of the essence in this fight. Thank you again for your leadership on behalf of our State.

Sincerely,



VAN TAYLOR  
Member of Congress

CC: Judge Chris Hill, Commissioner Susan Fletcher; Commissioner Cheryl Williams;  
Commissioner Darrell Hale; Commissioner Duncan Webb.